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New Item Proposed for Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines

Action

CPG V proposes to revise the current compost designation to include **compost made from manure or biosolids**, and designates one new item, **fertilizers made from recovered organic materials**. EPA is also proposing to consolidate all compost designations under one item called “**compost made from recovered organic materials**.” If finalized, the one new item would be added to the 54 items previously designated in the CPG. Under RCRA, procuring agencies will be required to begin purchasing the newly-designated item within one year from the date that we publish the final rule.

The proposed RMAN V provides guidance to procuring agencies for purchasing compost and fertilizers made from recovered organic materials, and presents other relevant information (e.g., recommendations for product specifications). The RMAN V is intended to assist procuring agencies in fulfilling their statutory obligation to purchase designated items.

Background

Under section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Executive Order 13101, “Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition,” EPA is required to designate products that are or can be made with recovered materials and provide recommendations to procuring agencies for purchasing those items. Procuring agencies are required to purchase the EPA-designated items containing recovered materials to the maximum extent practical, given reasonable competition and product price, performance, and availability. EPA has published three Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines since May of 1995, designating a total of 54 items. A fourth guideline should be finalized in January or February of 2004.

For More Information

Detailed information on the CPG is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg>. Questions or requests for paper copies of documents, may be directed to the RCRA Call Center. Callers within the Washington Metropolitan Area please dial 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323 (hearing impaired). Long-distance callers please call 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-800-553-7672.

